

Attachment: answers of Chiara and Emmaus to the gen4

Castelgandolfo, 18.6.1988 - 2.a

“Chiara, how were you able to bring unity all over the world with just a few companions?”

CHIARA:

This gen asks me how I was able to bring about this great Movement, which is in 184 nations, gen, so almost all over the world. It is all over the world. It is a very great Movement that includes the gen 4 too!

Well it certainly wasn't I who made the Movement. I am not able to do things that are so great. You are not able to carry a mountain on your shoulders either. Well then, who did it? Who made such a big Movement? It was the one who is capable of doing great things!

Think, for instance, of the endless sea, of the mountain peaks that seem to touch the sky. And think of the thousands and thousands and millions of flowers. God made all these things. God told me what to do in my heart. He said to me, "Do this, do this, do that, do that". I told this to my companions and we did all that he told us to do, and this is how this very great Movement began.

Then, right from the start, he told us something. He said, "If you love one another, I will come and stay with you. I will come and stay right in your midst. Therefore, we loved one another very, very much and he came and stayed in our midst. Then the voice inside of us became louder and louder so that we understood right away how to bring about the Movement! Now it has spread all over the world. However, God did it. We helped too, a little, but God did most of it.

Now we can see a few of these people in different places in the world: for example, here I am with a few families from different continents. See, there are also African children and women! Therefore, we are also in Africa. I saw some African children here too, children of different races.

This is a very small piece of the Movement, but these are some of our people in a stadium. Then there is another slide where you see me with a little African boy, so this shows that we are spread all over the world, everywhere, everywhere.

Now let us listen to the third question!

Loppiano, 5.5.1989 - 6.a

“Chiara, if you die, what do you think will happen in the world that you, for many years, have set on fire? Will this flame die out or do you think it will keep burning? Who will bring it ahead?”

CHIARA

And these are Gen 4! Look, Gen 4, you shouldn't worry about this. I understand that you worry about it because you are small, and when you grow up, I might not be here any longer. But you shouldn't worry about this because I am not the one who created this Movement which is so big, so very big, which has spread all over the world. Yes, I helped, everyone helped, but God is the one who did it. Therefore, God, who brought it to life, will bring it ahead.

What's more, I think that you have many things. You have many tapes, you have many videos, you have many writings, you have the first women focolarine who remember everything. Then you have a Movement that is well thought-out, very well organized. Therefore, everything will go ahead.

Look, this year I went only to Germany, because I wasn't able to go anywhere else. Yet the Ideal went ahead in Korea, in Japan, in California, in Madagascar, in Tripoli.... It went ahead all over the world, all over the world, even if I wasn't there. So you see, everything goes ahead. Don't worry about this. The Lord will take care of it.

Castelgandolfo, 26.5.2000 - Natalia - 11.a

“Hi, Natalia. I am Nadia, I come from Genoa, I am eight years old and this is my question: When Chiara will no longer be with us, what will we do? I think that with the Gen2, the Gen3, and the Gen5, etc. we will carry on your Ideal. What do you think?”

NATALIA The first question is this: “When you go to Heaven, what will we do?” And Chiara says: “You will have the Ideal and you will live it”. Therefore, that is what you have to do! And then you ask, “I think that we Gen4 with the Gen2, the Gen3 and the Gen5 will carry on your Ideal ... what do you think about it? Chiara answers: “Together with many other people, you will bring ahead the Movement. But I will be with you”!

Castelgandolfo, 30 April 2009

“Dear Emmaus, what does a President of the Focolare Movement do? What is your job?”

EMMAUS I will answer the second question first that is about my job, and then I will speak about what the President does. Is that okay? Are you happy, Sofia, if I change the order of the questions? So what is my job? Do you know why the Focolare Movement was born?

Do you know why God called Chiara to found the Focolare Movement?

Gen 4: No.

Emmaus: You don't know? I think you do, but now I will tell you, and you will see that you already knew! He did it because he wants everyone, everyone, everyone in the world to become one family, that is, for everyone to love each other and become one family. This is what Chiara taught us when she lived among us. She taught us how to love each other in order for all of us to be one family. Now Chiara has gone to Heaven. So, what does a president do? She must continue to help everyone to love one another so as to be one family. That is what she does. Once again, what does the President do? First, she tries to love everyone. Otherwise, how can she say to others: “You must love one another”, if first, she does not loves others..., no, she cannot! So, first of all the President tries to love everyone, she tries ... Sometimes she succeeds, sometimes she doesn't. Then she helps everyone who is with her to do the same thing, to love one another. So, she is not alone, she has the whole Movement. However, she also has a group of people who help her, with whom she meets almost every day to help everyone else to love one another! That is what she does. Do you think it is difficult? No, not so much, it can be done! All right? Some of these people who help me are here, do you know why? Because they said to me: “Are you the only one going to meet the Gen 4? Can we not also come?” And I said: “Ask them if they want you to come!” But you were already here, so they couldn't ask you. Then I said: “They will be happy that the grown-ups are with them too!” You agree, right? (Applause) Do you see where they are? Stand up, so that they can see you (applause). There they are! Everyone wanted to be with me to meet the Gen 4, and so they also came too!

“Who proposed that you become the President?

What did you feel when they elected you as President of the Movement?”

EMMAUS ... So who proposed that I become the President?

Everyone, the whole Work of Mary. Do you know what we must do to elect a President? Many people of the Movement come here to the Mariapolis Centre from all over the world, and together they decide who should be the President. They take a vote as when people vote for the President... of the Republic, for example. They vote and the person who gets the most votes is the one who then becomes President.

So to see who should be the President, first these people who came from all over the world – men and women focolarini, gen, volunteers, priests from the whole world, from all the continents – all these people first prayed and prayed; they prayed very much asking the Holy Spirit to tell them who should be the President. Because when they went to vote there were many names and they had to choose one name, so they prayed to the Holy Spirit to make them choose the right name.

I don't know if this is really the way it was, but the fact is that my name was chosen. Therefore, they asked me: “Would you be the President of the Movement?” What did I feel? First... it was a surprise for me; I didn't expect it. In fact, you see that my hands are joined here. I'm saying: What's happening to me, what are you thinking of, what are you doing?” I really didn't expect it!

First of all, it was a surprise, and then I felt afraid because I thought: “I'm not able to be the President; no one ever taught me how to be the President! How can I be the President?” And then I thought: “But if the Holy Spirit told all of them to write down my name, the Holy Spirit will help me; he will give me the graces that are needed! And so I said: “If all of you want it, if the Holy Spirit wants it, I want it too! That's what happened....”